

NATIONWIDE APPEAL BY LAFAYETTE FUND

All States Will Be Urged to Contribute to Relief of French Soldiers.

TOWN SENDS PLEA FOR AID

The Lafayette fund will ship during the week its third consignment of kits, containing necessities and comforts of life to French soldiers in the trenches.

It was announced yesterday at the fund's headquarters in the Hotel Vanderbilt that a nationwide appeal is to be made for contributions. Mrs. William Astor Chanler, a member of the executive committee, who has the direction of the work outside New York, said:

"There is no violation of neutrality in this work. No page of American history is more honored than that upon which is recorded the deeds of Lafayette and his men and the spirit which prompted and guided them. They helped to establish that we might perpetuate the principles which are so wonderfully indicated by a certain statue that stands sentinel over the harbor of New York."

"It was from our sister republic that the Statue of Liberty came, and whatever may have been the causes, effects and involved principles of the present war, there is none who can do other than approve this movement, humane in motive and founded upon simple gratitude."

The Belgian Relief Fund received \$18,688.46 yesterday, including \$1,000 from Charles W. Harkness and \$14,400 representing the fund's share of the proceeds of the Belgian benefit performance and the dance at the Strand Theatre on December 8. The total received so far is \$706,666.52.

The New York State Board of the American Red Cross received \$1,333.29; total, \$410,717.74.

The French Relief Fund received \$23; total, \$43,042.36.

The American Ambulance Hospital Fund received \$1,798; total, \$222,240.24.

A letter received yesterday at the headquarters of the Belgian Relief Fund, 10 Bridge street, from the city of Hamme, on the River Durme, said that thirty factories on which 16,000 inhabitants were dependent had been shut down since September 15. The City Council has used all of its available funds, the letter said, and added: "Our little city is now facing absolute famine." The local relief committee has been forced to abandon its work.

A total of 30,000 surgical dressings have been shipped to the war zone in the past two weeks from the workshop of the surgical dressings committee, 39 West Thirty-eighth street. These dressings are made of old linen, cotton and new gauze. All the work is voluntary; no money is collected or expended by the organization. The workshop is open from 10 A. M. to 6 P. M. daily.

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If You Think You Can Buy Diamonds Cheaper Elsewhere Here Is a Chance to Prove It.

Everybody buying a diamond for Christmas has a perfect right to know that there are absolutely getting the best of their money. As we have already explained in the daily papers, we have now to offer a very large lot of single-stone diamond rings, unparalleled in the history of our business career of 33 years in the diamond trade. We know what we are talking about, and mean what we say when we tell you there are diamonds weighing from a carat to 80, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 450, 500, 550, 600, 650, 700, 750, 800, 850, 900, 950, 1,000, 1,050, 1,100, 1,150, 1,200, 1,250, 1,300, 1,350, 1,400, 1,450, 1,500, 1,550, 1,600, 1,650, 1,700, 1,750, 1,800, 1,850, 1,900, 1,950, 2,000, 2,050, 2,100, 2,150, 2,200, 2,250, 2,300, 2,350, 2,400, 2,450, 2,500, 2,550, 2,600, 2,650, 2,700, 2,750, 2,800, 2,850, 2,900, 2,950, 3,000, 3,050, 3,100, 3,150, 3,200, 3,250, 3,300, 3,350, 3,400, 3,450, 3,500, 3,550, 3,600, 3,650, 3,700, 3,750, 3,800, 3,850, 3,900, 3,950, 4,000, 4,050, 4,100, 4,150, 4,200, 4,250, 4,300, 4,350, 4,400, 4,450, 4,500, 4,550, 4,600, 4,650, 4,700, 4,750, 4,800, 4,850, 4,900, 4,950, 5,000, 5,050, 5,100, 5,150, 5,200, 5,250, 5,300, 5,350, 5,400, 5,450, 5,500, 5,550, 5,600, 5,650, 5,700, 5,750, 5,800, 5,850, 5,900, 5,950, 6,000, 6,050, 6,100, 6,150, 6,200, 6,250, 6,300, 6,350, 6,400, 6,450, 6,500, 6,550, 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